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SUBJ: NEXT STEPS ON SOUTH AFRICA

- 1. WE UNDERSTAND BOTH FRENCH AND UK MISSIONS HERE HAVE MADE STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS TO CAPITALS THAT THEIR AMBASSADORS IN SOUTH AFRICA MAKE FIRM DEMARCHES TO SAG, GENERALLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
- 1) SAG SHOULD NOT TRY TO HIDE BEHIND WESTERN VETOES AS AN EXCUSE TO DO NOTHING TO MODIFY ITS POLICIES;
- 2) VETOES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED OBSCURE STRONG DENUNCIATION OF APARTHEID AND SAG POLICIES REGARDING NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA MADE BY FRANCE AND UK IN SC DEBATE STATEMENTS;
- 3) THEREFORE SAG EXPECTED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND MEANINGUFL STEPS TO ALLEVIATE APARTHEID POLICY AND TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. ACCORDING UKUN, LONDON WAS ALREADY THINKING IN THESE TERMS AND BOTH FRENCH AND UKUN EXPECT THEIR GOVTS TO FOLLOW RECOMMENDATIONS IN SOME FORM. REPS HERE, SPEAKING FOR-THEMSELVES, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD BE PREPARED MAKE SIMILAR DEMARCHE IN SA, ESPECIALLY SINCE FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD SIGNFICANTLY DILUTE EFFECTIVENESS UK AND FRENCH APPROACHES.
- 3. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO REASON BELIEVE THAT SAG PERMREP BOTHA WILL FAIL TO REPORT ACCURATELY AND FULLY ABOUT DEPTH OF FEELING HERE ABOUT SAG POLICIES, WE SEE CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN PRESENTING OUR VIEWS DIRECTLY TO SAG. PAST HISTORY TENDS TO SHOW THAT SENSE OF URGENCY WHICH OFTEN CHARACTERIZES SA ATTITUDE WHEN IT CONFRONTED WITH SERIOUS CHALLENGE AT UN TENDS TO DISSIPATE ONCE CHALLENGE RECEDES. SCALI

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